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I'm pro-Microsoft, and I'll be happy when this is over with and Microsoft is allowed to continue to innovate and compete fairly. We need a law to stop competitors from filing frivolous lawsuits against each other!

The following article does a succinct and accurate job of capturing exactly what is wrong with the high-tech industry today, specifically the ability of Microsoft's competitor's to attempt to thwart Microsoft's success by relying on our taxpayer-funded legal system:

"Netscape turned out to be a poor investment (its market share has plummeted to about 10 percent, compared with nearly 90 percent for Microsoft's Internet Explorer, which, by the way, AOL chose as its online service's own browser).

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Speaking of consumers, I can't understand how they're hurt by a business strategy that offers browsers for free. Would consumers - who, after all, are the people who are supposed to be protected by antitrust laws - be happier if they had to pay \$100 or \$200 for a browser? Free software is hardly a new Internet idea; AOL continually offers "upgrades" to its own service for free. Is it unfairly competing?

It's no coincidence that AOL's dramatic lawsuit comes just as a federal judge is deciding whether to bless a hard-won settlement, reached by nearly all the parties in the massive anti-trust suit against Microsoft. Nine attorneys general, among them America's top publicity-seekers, remain holdouts. They have asked, among other things, that Microsoft be forced to give away the Explorer source code.

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Instead of straightening out its business problems, AOL has decided to spend its time and effort filing lawsuits against tough competitors - a petty, distracting pursuit that won't help AOL or, for that matter, the U.S. economy, which depends on firms like Microsoft for the innovation necessary to bring about a technology revival."

Please read more at :  
<http://www.techcentralstation.com/1051/techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-012302E>,  
apparently the author feels the same way as the majority of America, the consumers, the real players in this contest. This is crazy!! AOL chooses Microsoft's browser as the browser technology for it's client viewer, basically giving an implicit admission that it is superior than Netscape, then goes on to buy the Netscape browser, then SUE Microsoft because their browser took market share from Netscape??!?!?

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